Check-measuring of works executed by the Vellarappalli Panchayat.

168. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—(a) Who it is that supervises and check-measures the works executed by the contractors in the Vellarappalli Group Panchayat;

(b) whether the President of the Panchayat area in question has any powers of supervising and check-measuring the works executed by contractors in the Panchayat area in question?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Works are supervised by the President of the Panchayat; Minor Irrigation Overseer and such other officers as the Superintendent of Agricu'ture and Panchayats may authorise. Works costing Rs. 200 and below are to be check-measured by the Minor Irrigation Overseer or other officer authorised by the Superintendent and those above Rs. 200 by the Superintendent.

(b) The President has power of supervision but not of check-measuring.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—In the matter of works generally contrants may I know in whose name the contract is taken? Is it in the name of the Agricultural Superintendent or in the name of the Panchayat President ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Sometimes in the name of the President for the Superintendent.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Just as in Municipalities, where the contract is entered in the name of the Chairman, is the contract entered in the name of the Superintendent ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, in the Superintendent's name.

President.—The agreement lies in the name of the Panchayat Superintendent. The work is to be done in the presence of the Panchayat President and he is to supervise the work.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Is the agreement executed in the name of the Superintendent ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Supply of medicines to the Medical Department.

169. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the names of the catalogues of medicines and instruments with which the price of Messrs. Dada & Co., were compared by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, whereby he came to the conclusion that the prices charged by Messrs. Dada & Co., were comparatively cheaper, and will the Government be pleased to place such catalogues on the Table of this House;

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